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15 LAS VEGAS, NEV. (AP) - THE ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION PLANNED TO START EXPERIMENTS TODAY, WEATHER PERMITTING, ON A SIMULATION OF ATOMIC DETONATIONS FROM CAPTIVE BALLOONS. THERE WAS STEADY SNOWFALL HERE AND EVEN MORE OVER THE VAST NEVADA TEST SITE 50 MILES TO THE NORTHWEST, INDICATING POSSIBLE POSTPONEMENTS. MAGNEEUM FLAMES SET OFF FROM BALLOONS FLOATING SEVERAL HUNDRED TO 2,000 FEET ABOVE THE DESERT FIGURE IN THE FIRST EXPERIMENTS. ACTUAL ATOMIC TESTS ARE NOT EXPECTABLE UNTIL JUNE. ME945AEE 1/30

16 ALAMEDA, CALIF. (AP) - NINE WORKMEN WERE KILLED AND 50 INJURED YESTERDAY AS TWO EXPLOSIONS AND FIRE WRECKED THE TANKER JEANNY, BEING RENTED FOR EMERGENCY USE IN THE MIDLAST OIL CRISIS. SIX OF THE SURVIVORS WERE REPORTED IN CRITICAL CONDITION. THE 10,236-TON GOVERNMENT-OWNED TANKER, NEARLY OUT OF MOTORBALLS, WAS BEING RUSHED TO A FEB. 8 DEADLINE. SHE WAS LEASED TO THE AMERICAN TRANSPORT CO. TO CARRY OIL TO EUROPE. AUSTIN SHEAN, ASSISTANT GENERAL MANAGER OF TODD SHIPYARDS, SAID WELDERS' TORCHES MAY HAVE IGNITED PETROLEUM FUMES IN THE ENGINE AND BRICKLAYER ROOMS. AN INVESTIGATION MAY DETERMINE THE CAUSE. ONE OTHER SHIPYARD OFFICIAL, UNIDENTIFIED, SAID HEAT FROM THE TORCHES MIGHT HAVE SET OFF A RESERVE FUEL OIL TANK. ME945AEE 2/30